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Report of the Fifth Committee (Part III)

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. The previous recommendations made by the Fifth Committee to the General Assembly under item 116 appear in the report of the Committee contained in documents A/50/842 and Add.1.

2. The Fifth Committee resumed its consideration of the item at its 46th and 55th meetings, on 18 March and 4 April 1996. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/50/SR.46 and 55).

3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General on conditions of service and compensation for officials, other than Secretariat officials, serving the General Assembly: full-time members of the International Civil Service Commission and the Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/C.5/50/12);

(b) Report of the Secretary-General on unforeseen and extraordinary expenses (A/C.5/50/30).

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II. CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSALS

A. Draft resolution A/C.5/50/L.43

4. At its 55th meeting, on 4 April, the Committee had before it a draft resolution submitted by the Chairman, entitled "Conditions of service and compensation for officials, other than Secretariat officials, serving the General Assembly: full-time members of the International Civil Service Commission and the Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions" (A/C.5/50/L.43).

5. Statements were made by the representatives of the United States of America, Cuba, Uganda, Kenya, China, Indonesia, Algeria, Portugal and Egypt.

6. The Controller also made a statement and clarified issues raised by delegations during the discussion.

7. At the same meeting, the representative of Uganda made a statement and proposed that no action be taken on draft resolution A/C.5/50/L.43.

8. Statements were made by the representatives of Mali and Mexico in favour of the motion, and by the United States against the motion (see A/C.5/50/SR.55).

9. The Committee then proceeded to vote on the motion, which was adopted by 46 votes to 1, with 1 abstention.

10. Statements made in explanation of vote after the vote were made by the representatives of the United States and Ukraine (see A/C.5/50/SR.55).

B. Draft decision proposed by the Chairman

11. At the 55th meeting, on 4 April, the representative of Tunisia and Vice-Chairman of the Committee made a statement, in the course of which he reported to the Committee the outcome of his consultations on the issue of unforeseen and extraordinary expenses.

12. At the same meeting, the Chairman orally proposed a draft decision, which the Committee adopted without a vote (see para. 13).

III. RECOMMENDATION OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE

13. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft decision:

Unforeseen and extraordinary expenses

The General Assembly decides to defer consideration of the question of unforeseen and extraordinary expenses to the second part of its resumed session, in May 1996.